

“This week is about supporting the victims of crimes and acknowledging the individuals who work tirelessly on their behalf,” said Costa. “During the 26th Anniversary of National Crime Victims’ Week, I encourage all of my colleagues to recognize the critical importance of supporting victims’ rights and the need to do more to advocate for those who have suffered from serious crimes.”

“Crime victims are not just statistics,” said Poe. “They are real people with families and loved ones. This week we take the opportunity to honor their courage and their memories, and recommit ourselves to protecting the rights of crime victims throughout our nation.”

As co-chairmen and co-founders of the Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus, Costa and Poe have been leaders in bringing the issue of crime victims’ rights to the forefront in Congress. The Caucus has been successful in authoring legislation and amendments to help bring more debate to this critical issue. The theme of this year’s Crime Victims Rights’ Week is “Fairness, Dignity, Respect.”

For video of Costa speaking in support of the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Act, click [here](#) .